

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 25, 2003

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**FROM:** Ken Miller, Director  
Public Services Group - **Solid Waste Management Division**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY, CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD REUSE  
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) Approve application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a Reuse Assistance Grant in the amount of \$49,983.34 to be used in developing, implementing and promoting an internet based San Bernardino County Materials Exchange Program.

2) Adopt Resolution authorizing the Solid Waste Management Division to submit the aforementioned application.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** At the October 26, 1999 California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) meeting, a funding allocation was approved for a major reuse initiative. Reuse is defined as using a material over again in its current form without any significant processing that alters its material structure. A component of this initiative was funding to encourage California local public agencies to promote and apply the concept of reusing non-hazardous materials. The Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) would like to establish a local materials exchange program (SBCoMAX) that targets businesses, non-profit organizations and schools in San Bernardino County. The purpose of the program is to encourage reuse of items that would otherwise be discarded and disposed of in landfills. Entities or individuals will be able to post a list of "wanted" items and/or materials that are "available" for low or no cost on the SBCoMAX web site. The program will be modeled after the CIWMB's state-wide materials exchange program CalMAX, but will have expanded features for tracking and quantifying the amount of material diverted from the landfill through successful exchanges. The proposed San Bernardino County Materials Exchange Program (SBCoMax) meets the Reuse Grant funding criteria.

The proposed SBCoMax will be designed and programmed by the County Information Systems Department and managed and maintained by SWMD staff. The target audience will be the construction and demolition industry, non-profit organizations and schools.

The Reuse Grant program requires the applicant to provide matching funds of at least fifty percent (50%) of the total grant. The grant application is requesting \$49,983.34, so the required amount of matching funds is a minimum of \$24,991.67. The Public Education and Outreach Committee (Zero Waste Communities of San Bernardino County), consisting of the County and fifteen (15) cities that have signed Waste Delivery Agreements with the County, have agreed to provide the matching funds of \$25,000 to support the program's development and promotion. In addition, SWMD proposes to provide \$25,878.54 in matching funds (with in-kind services in the amount of \$9,174.24 and cash contributions of \$16,704.30). The SWMD's matching funds are in excess of the required amount.

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The in-kind services consist of existing staff time to implement, manage and maintain this project, with no additional staffing being required.

SBCoMAX will assist the County in its efforts to meet its AB939 waste diversion goals by promoting reuse rather than disposal. Currently, the County's diversion rate is 43% and SWMD is aggressively seeking to increase that rate to 50% through a variety of waste reduction programs such as the proposed SBCoMAX.

Approval of this item will authorize the County to submit an application to the State of California Environmental Protection Agency CIWMB for the Reuse Assistance Grant to receive up to \$49,983.34 in reimbursement of costs associated with the development, implementation and promotion of the San Bernardino County Materials Exchange Program (SBCoMAX). If SWMD is successful in its effort of obtaining this grant, a future item would be brought to the Board for acceptance of the grant funds

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by Robert L. Jocks Deputy County Counsel on February 6, 2003 and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on February 13, 2003. This item was also coordinated with Monica Lopez of the Information Systems Department on February 11, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The total cost of the program is estimated to be \$100,861.88. The cost for design and programming are estimated at \$40,000, and will be funded from a \$25,000 matching cash contribution from the Public Education and Outreach Committee and a \$15,000 budgeted cash contribution from the SWMD's EAA Operations Fund. The cost for promotion and maintenance of the site are estimated to be \$60,861.88, and will be funded with \$49,983.34 from the Reuse Assistance Grant, a budgeted cash contribution of \$1,704.30 from the SWMD's EAA Operations Fund and \$9,174.24 of in-kind services provided by the SWMD. The in-kind services provided by SWMD consist of staff time. Existing SWMD staffing levels will not be increased to handle the promotion and maintenance of the program. SWMD has funds available for its total cash contribution of \$16,704.30.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action based on the following:

This program will have no financial impact on the County General Fund.

This program, which will benefit the County and its citizens, will be paid for from grant funds, matching funds from the Public Education and Outreach Committee and in-kind services and budgeted cash contributions from the SWMD EAA Operations Fund.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Peter Wulfman, 386-8703

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